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MACKINAC ISLAND CONFERENCE

Numerous inquiries have been received at the A. L. A. executive office regarding this year's conference at Mackinac Island. Sufficient progress has been made to make some announcements regarding the conference, but details of the trip and program will appear in the May A. L. A. Bulletin.

In addition to the usual interest librarians have in the A. L. A. conference, Mackinac Island has so many attractions in itself that indications are the attendance will be large.

The conference will open on Thursday, June 30th and will last through Wednesday, July 6th. In place of the usual address of welcome and other opening exercises, it is planned to make the first full day, July 1st, Michigan Day, when Michigan will act as the receiving host of the Association, will tell the story of Michigan, recite the legends which have attached themselves to Mackinac and set forth the library and educational successes and hopes of the state.

Details of the program will be announced later, but it may be said that one of the general sessions will be devoted to a book symposium, similar to that so much enjoyed at Minnetonka. The closing day at Mackinac Island may be a Canadian Day, when Canadian librarians and educators, taking this term in a broad

sense, will tell of their conditions and problems.

Headquarters during the conference will be at the Grand Hotel, one of the best, if not the best equipped hotel on the great lakes. The hotel is a large one, being 700 feet long, three stories high and with comfortable accommodations for 800 or more guests in the 435 rooms. There are 200 rooms with bath, single or en suite, and most of the rooms have running water in them. The hotel is near the lake in an attractive park. In addition to the main dining room there are several private dining rooms for smaller gatherings. The hotel auditorium seats 1,000 persons and other rooms, including a sun parlor and committee rooms are available for meetings of affiliated associations and sections.

The hotel managers promise an orchestra of sixteen pieces with music every afternoon and evening. Free transportation will be given to and from the dock.

The rates for members of the A. L. A. are: \$2.50 a day, one in room without bath, on the third floor; \$2.50 a day, two in room without bath, first and second floors; \$3.00 a day, two in room with bath, first and second floors; \$3.50 a day, one in room with bath. Fractional day rates will be granted so that any two meals